

## Press Release National Labor Relations Board Office of the General Counsel

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## General Counsel Meets With Labor and Employment Law Attorneys Takes Questions on Case Handling, Outreach, Practices in the Field

General Counsel Ronald Meisburg recently met with representatives of the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section to describe current initiatives of his office and to answer questions about practices in the Regional Offices and his Office in Washington. A report detailing the meeting and subjects discussed is now publicly available.

NLRB officials have a long history of meeting with members of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association and other labor-management groups to discuss matters of common interest.

This year's meeting with the Labor and Employment Law Section "Committee on Practice and Procedure under the National Labor Relations Act," was conducted in early March and covered a wide range of topics. Among the subjects of discussion were the General Counsel's approach to dealing with bankrupt employers and the results of the General Counsel's initiative to close cases more promptly.

In releasing his report of his meeting with the Committee, General Counsel Meisburg said, "It is my hope that the release of this report furthers the interests of open government and fosters professional and productive relationships between the Labor Board and the practitioners coming before it."

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions. The NLRB's Office of the General Counsel has independent prosecutorial discretion under the National Labor Relations Act to issue complaints alleging such unfair labor practices.